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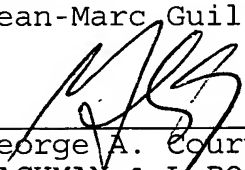
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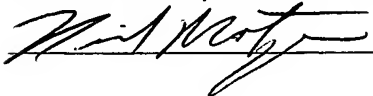
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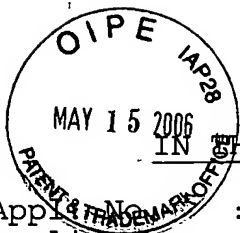
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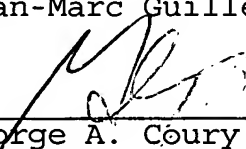
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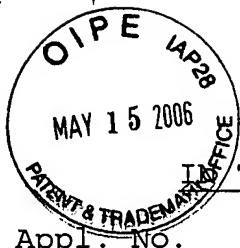
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In accordance Applicants' continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

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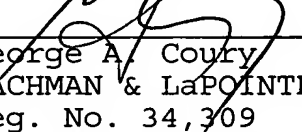
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The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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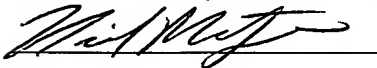
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